

In The Claims:

1. (original) A fabric switch comprising:

an inner cord (12) including at least two conductive cords (12a-12n) releasably connected in series; and

a non-conductive cord(14) enclosing said inner cord(12),

wherein said non-conductive cord(14) is stretchable to release the contact between said at least two conductive cords(12a-12n) electrically.

2. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein the material of said non-conductive cord(14) defines a moisture-resistant enclosure for said inner cord(12).

3. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) and said non-conductive cord(14) are shaped in a loop form.

4. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) is coupled to a fabric circuit integrated in a garment.

5. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) serves as a coupling to an electronic device.

6. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) serves as a coupling to a power source.

7. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) engages and supports ancillary units to transmit electronic signals.

8. (original) The switch of Claim 1, wherein said inner cord(12) is coupled to a fabric circuit integrated in furniture.

9. (withdrawn) .
10. (withdrawn) .
11. (withdrawn) .
12. (withdrawn) .
13. (withdrawn) .
14. (withdrawn) .

15. (original) A method for permitting a person to activate a switch, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an inner cord(12) including at least two conductive cords(12a-12n) releasably connected in series and a non-conductive cord (14) enclosing said inner cord;

mounting both said inner cord (12) and said non-conductive cords 14) to a garment or furniture; and,
stretching said non-conductive cord (14) to release the contact between said at least two conductive cords(12a-12n) .

16. (original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the step of protecting said inner cord(12) from ambient conditions by enclosing it in said non-conductive cord (14) having a moisture-resistant material.

17. (withdrawn) .

18. (new) A fabric switch comprising:

at least two conductive fibers operatively associated with at least one non-conductive fiber so as to form an electrical circuit, wherein the conductive fibers connect when the at least one non-conductive fiber is in a first mode and disconnect when such fiber is in a second mode.